The Great Feast of the Annunciation
of The Most-Holy Theotokos

THE ORDER FOR READER GREAT COMPLINE WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH

TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2020

THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN FRONT OF OUR ICON CORNERS

EVERYONE: O, God cleanse me a sinner and have mercy on me! (3x)

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3 times)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy Name's sake.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

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EVERYONE: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

READER: Amen. Lord have mercy (12x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm IV

Hear me, when I call, 0 God my righteousness: thou has set me at liberty, when I was in trouble, have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer. 0 ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood? Know this also, that the Lord bath chosen to himself the man that is godly, when I call upon the Lord he will hear me. Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still. Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. There be many that say, Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil increased. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm VI

0 Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, 0 Lord, for I am weak; 0 Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. My soul also is sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me? Turn thee, 0 Lord, and deliver my soul; 0 save me, for thy mercy's sake. For in death no man remembered thee; and who will give thee thanks in the pit? I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with tears. My beauty is gone for every trouble, and worn away because of all mine enemies. Away from me. all ye that work vanity, for the Lord bath heard my petition; the Lord will receive my prayer. All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed; they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

Psalm XIII

How long wilt thou forget me, 0 Lord; forever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? How long shall mine enemies triumph over me? Consider, and hear me. 0 Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it. But my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation. I will sing of the Lord, because he bath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest. Consider, and hear me, 0 Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death; lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, 0 God. **(3)**

READER: God is with us! Understand this, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us.

Choir: God is with us! Understand this, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us.

READER: Hear this, all you ends of the earth!

Choir: For God is with us! **(*This refrain is sung after each verse*.)**

READER: Submit yourselves, you mighty ones!

Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more.
Take counsel together, if you wish, but it will come to nothing.
Make your plans, if you wish, but it will come to nothing.
We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled.
For the Lord our God is holy, and Him we will fear.
If I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification.
I will wait for Him, He will save me.
Behold, I and the children whom God has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of Hosts.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
a light is risen.
For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.
And the government shall be upon His shoulder.
And of His peace there shall be no end.
And His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.
Wonderful, Counsellor.
Mighty God, Eternal Ruler, Prince of Peace.
The Father of the World to Come.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

READER: God is with us! Understand this, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Choir: God is with us! Understand this, O nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Reader: The day being past, I give thanks to Thee, O Lord; I pray, that this evening and in the coming night I may be without sin; Grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The day being past, I glorify Thee, O Master; I pray that this the evening, and in the coming night I may be without temptation; Grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The day being past, I hymn Thee, O Holy One; I pray that this evening, and in the coming night I may be without peril; Grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

The bodiless nature of the Cherubim with unceasing hymns glorify Thee. The six- winged Seraphim, with never-ceasing voices greatly magnify Thee. And all the hosts of the Angels praise Thee with thrice-holy hymns. For before all ages Thou art the existing Father,

together with Thy Son, who art also from everlasting, and The Spirit of life, Thou dost manifest the Undivided Trinity.

O Most holy Virgin Theotokos, and ye eyewitness Apostles and servants of the Word, along with all the choirs of Prophets and Martyrs, who have attained unto eternal life: Pray fervently for us all, for we are in great distress; that, being delivered from the snares of the evil one, we may proclaim the angelic hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Thrice-holy Lord, have mercy and save us. Amen.

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. the only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, True God of true God, Begotten, not made, of one Essence with the Father; By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; and suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. In one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

(*The following invocations are sung antiphonally between READER and choir)*

READER: All-holy lady Theotokos, pray for us sinners!

Choir: All-holy lady Theotokos, pray for us sinners!

READER: All you heavenly hosts of holy angels and archangels, pray for us sinners!

Choir: All you heavenly hosts of holy angels and archangels, pray for us sinners!

READER: O holy John, prophet, forerunner and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners!

Choir: O holy John, prophet, forerunner and Baptist of our Lord Jesus Christ, pray for us sinners!

READER: O holy and glorious apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all saints, pray for us sinners.

Choir: O holy and glorious apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all saints, pray for us sinners.

READER: All you righteous and God-bearing fathers, pastors and teachers of the universal Church, pray for us sinners!

Choir: All you righteous and God-bearing fathers, pastors and teachers of the universal Church, pray for us sinners!

READER: O holy *{name of patron of church},* **pray for us sinners!**

Choir: O holy (name of patron of church), pray for us sinners!

READER: O invincible, unconquerable and divine power of the honorable and life-giving cross, forsake not us sinners!

Choir: O invincible, unconquerable and divine power of the honorable and life-giving cross, forsake not us sinners!

READER: O God, cleanse us sinners!

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Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

Choir: Amen.

TROPARION (Tone 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace,// the Lord is with you!"

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify you. In the name of the Lord, Father Bless.

Reader: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, 0 Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Amen. 0 Lord, Lord, who delivers us from all the arrows that fly by day, deliver us also from every evil thing lurking in the darkness. Accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Grant that we may pass through the course of this night without reproach, untempted by evil and free us from the anxiety and cowardice brought by the devil. Grant contrition to our souls, and make us mindful of the scrutiny to come on the dread and just day of Thy judgment. Nail our flesh to the fear of Thee, and let our earthly passions die, that in the quietness of sleep, we may be enlightened by the vision of Thy decrees. Remove from us also every indecent fantasy and harmful desire. Raise us up again at the time for prayer, strengthened in the faith and advancing in obedience to Thy commandments, through the favor and goodness of Thine only-begotten Son with whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O come, let us worship God our King. O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God. O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil before Thee, that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and prevail when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and

secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou made manifest unto me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the bones that be humbled, they shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I had given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be builded. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings. Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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READER: Through the Prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, Have Mercy on us.

Choir: Amen.

KONTAKION (Tone 8)
O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants delivered from evil sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos. As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity// so that we may sing; "Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!"

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12)

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READER: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, 0 Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Reader: Amen. O God the Master, Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son, and Thou, O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power, have mercy upon me, a sinner, and according to Thy divine judgments save me, Thine unworthy servant, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

PSALM 70

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say "Aha, aha!" Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Reader:
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOARDS MEN. WE PRAISE THEE, WE BLESS THEE, WE WORSHIP THEE, WE GIVE THANKS TO THEE FOR THY GREAT GLORY! O LORD GOD, HEAVENLY KING, GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY! O LORD, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT! O LORD GOD, LAMB OF GOD, SON OF THE FATHER, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD, RECEIVE OUR PRAYER. THOU THAT SITTEST AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER, HAVE MERCY ON US! FOR THOU ALONE ART HOLY, THOU ALONE ART LORD, THOU ONLY, O JESUS CHRIST, ART MOST HIGH IN THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER AMEN.

EVERY DAY WILL I GIVE THANKS TO THEE AND PRAISE THY NAME FOREVER AND EVER! LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION! I SAID, LORD BE MERCIFUL TO ME, HEAL MY SOUL FOR I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THEE. LORD, I FLEE UNTO THEE. TEACH ME TO DO THY WILL. FOR THOU ART MY GOD. FOR WITH THEE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE AND IN THY LIGHHT SHALL WE SEE LIGHT. O CONTINUE FORTH THY MERCY UNTO THOSE WHO KNOW THEE! VOUCHSAFE, O LORD, TO KEEP US THIS NIGHT WITHOUT SIN. BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD GOD OF OUR FATHERS, AND PRAISED AND GLORIFIED IS THY NAME FOREVER. AMEN. LET THY MERCY, O LORD BE UPON US, AS WE HAVE SET OUR HOPE ON THEE. BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD, TEACH ME THY STATUTES. BLESSED ART THOU, O MASTER, MAKE ME TO UNDERSTAND THY COMMANDMENTS. BLESSED ART THOU, O HOLY ONE, ENLIGHTEN ME WITH THY PRECEPTS. THY MERCY, O LORD, ENDURE FOREVER, DO NOT DESPISE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS! TO THEE BELONGS WORSHIP, TO THEE BELONGS PRAISE, TO THEE BELONGS GLORY: TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

THE LITIYA

Tone 1:
In the sixth month the chief of the Angelic Hosts was sent to you, O pure Virgin, to declare to you the word of salvation, and to greet you saying: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you! You shall bring forth a Son, begotten before the ages from the Father,// and He shall save His people from their sins!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today Gabriel announces the good tidings to her who is full of grace: "Rejoice, unwedded Maiden! Be not amazed at my strange appearance, nor be afraid. I am an Archangel. The serpent once beguiled Eve, but now I announce to you the good tidings of joy, O most pure one.// You shall remain inviolate and shall give birth to the Lord.

READER: **Lord Have Mercy (40x)**

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, 0 Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

Aposticha

Choir: (Tone 4) In the sixth month, the Archangel was sent to the pure Virgin; and with his greeting "Rejoice," he announced the good news that the Deliverer was to come forth from her. Therefore, having received the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the pre-eternal

God, Who were well-pleased ineffably to become man// for the salvation of our souls.

v. Proclaim from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God!

The Theotokos heard a tongue that she knew not, for the Archangel addressed to her the words of glad tidings; therefore, accepting the salutation with faith, she conceived You, the pre-eternal God. And so, rejoicing exceedingly, we too cry aloud to You: "O God made flesh from her without change,// grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls!"

v. Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done wonders!

Behold, our restoration has now been revealed to us: in a manner beyond understanding, God is united to mankind; at the voice of the Archangel, delusion is destroyed, for the Virgin receives joy; things of the earth have become heaven; and the world is freed from the ancient curse. Let creation rejoice exceedingly and sing with voices of praise:// "O Lord, our Maker and Deliverer, glory to You!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today the good tidings of joy are proclaimed, today is the festival of the Virgin; things below are joined together with things on high. Adam is made new; Eve is freed from the primal grief; and by the deification of the human nature that the Lord assumed, the tabernacle of our substance has become a temple of God. Oh, what a mystery! The manner of His emptying cannot be known; the manner of His conception is beyond speech. An Angel ministers at the miracle; a virginal womb receives the Son; the Holy Spirit is sent down; the Father on high is well pleased, and according to their common counsel, a reconciliation is brought to pass in which and through which we are saved. For this reason let us unite our song with Gabriel's, crying aloud to the Virgin: "Rejoice, O Lady full of grace, the Lord is with you! From you is our salvation, Christ our God, Who, by assuming our nature, has led us back to Himself.// Humbly pray to Him for the salvation of our souls!"

Aposticha

Choir: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

*Reader***:** Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (3)

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: Reader: Amen.

PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall be continually in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my troubles. Draw nigh unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be put to shame. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The Angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear Him, and will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopes in Him. O fear the Lord, all you His saints; for there is no want for them that fear Him. The rich have become poor and have hungered; but they that seek the Lord shall lack no good thing. Come, O children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man that desires life, who loves to see days that are good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord hear them, and He delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are broken in heart, and will save them that are humble in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, and out of them all shall the Lord deliver them. The Lord keeps all of their bones; not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is cruel, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the soul of His servants, and none of them shall do wrong that hope in Him.

READER: More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond than the Seraphim, without defilement, you gave birth to God the Word, True Theotokos, we magnify you.

CHOIR: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lord Bless!

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, through the Prayers of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Great Feast of Whose Annunciation we celebrate today, by the Power of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross, through the protection of the Bodiless Powers of Heaven, through the prayers of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, through the prayers of the holy glorious and all-laudable Apostles, through the Prayers of all the North American Saints, through the prayers of _____ the patron of this Holy Temple, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, O Lord Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy on us and save us.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

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Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master,
and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify. ***Prostration***

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(The faithful now come up and venerate the Precious Cross and Icons in our Icon Corner.)

READER: Through the Prayers of our Holy Fathers, *O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.*

CHOIR: Amen. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.